

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 8-10, 17 18, 24, 25, 27-30 and 32-38 are pending. In the preceding Action the Office indicated that the subject matter of Claims 45-50 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the features of any intervening claims. By this paper, respectively, Claim 1 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of Claim 45, Claim 9 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of Claim 46, Claim 17 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of Claim 47, Claim 24 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of Claim 48, Claim 27 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of Claim 49, and Claim 29 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of Claim 50. As a result, Claims 1, 9, 17, 27 and 29 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. The remaining claims either directly or indirectly depending from the previous claims and are therefore, believed to be in a condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original subject matter in an appropriate related case.

Claims 2-7, 11-16, 19-23, 26, 31, and 39-50 are either previously canceled or are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

### ***Conclusion***

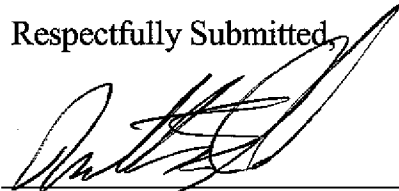
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully

solicited. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned if any issues remain unresolved by this Amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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